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Sir:

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A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in an Office Action of January 27, 2004, in the corresponding Japanese Application Serial No. 271427/1999, filed September 24, 1999. A copy of the Japanese Official Action in which they were cited is attached hereto, with an English-language translation of what is believed to be the pertinent portions.

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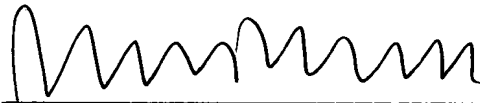
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